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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 133 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/61/547 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 49th and 58th meetings, on 10 May and 27 June 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.49 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Operation in Burundi for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/61/716 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852/Add.6).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.57

4. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi" (A/C.5/61/L.57), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.57 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1545 (2004) of 21 May 2004, by which the Council authorized, for an initial period of six months as from 1 June 2004, with the intention to renew it for further periods, the deployment of a peacekeeping operation called the United Nations Operation in Burundi, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the last of which was resolution 1692 (2006) of 30 June 2006, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 31 December 2006,

Recalling also its resolution 58/312 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/9 of 31 October 2006, and its decision 61/554 of 4 April 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Burundi as at 31 March 2007, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 18.9 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

[1] A/61/716 and Corr.1.

[2] A/61/852/Add.6.

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;[1]

9. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 69,015,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

10. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 9 above to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 69,015,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

12. *Also decides* that the decrease of 2,304,500 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 69,015,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 9 and 11 above;

13. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi".